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R 101136Z AUG 76
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7060
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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KARACHI FOR RSS, RSO, RMO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: INCREASE IN MSG TO AMCONSUL KARACHI

REFERENCES: STATE 183254

1. THE USAID OFFIE IS NOT LOCATED IN THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, KARACHI. USAID IS LOCATED AT #1, SINDHI MUSLIM HOUSING SOCIETY, KARACHI, THREE MILES FROM THE CONSULATE. AS CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IS STORED THEREIN, A NIGHTLY CHECK BY AN MSG IS REQUIRED.
2. IN JUNE 1976, THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE CONSULATE WAS RECONSTRUCTED. THE LOBBY IS NOW SEPARATED FROM THE CONSULATE BY A SOLID WALL AND DOOR AND THE MSG IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY WHERE HE CONTROLS ACCESS. WITH THE NEW CONSTRUCTION, THE MSG LOSES VISUAL ACCESS OF THE FIRST FLOOR HALLWAY AND CANNOT QUICKLY RESPOND TO AN INCIDENT AT THE REAR ENTRANCE.
3. THE REAR DOOR IS WATCHED BY AN UNARMED LOCAL GUARD, WHO SHOULD BE BETTER DESCRIBED AS A WATCHMAN, RATHER THAN A GUARD. ALTHOUGH PRESUMED TO BE LOYAL TO THE CONSULATE, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT HE WOULD PLACE HIS LIFE ON THE LINE SHOULD TERRORISTS SEEK ACCESS THROUGH THE REAR ENTRRANCE.

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4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE RSO RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION OF ASSIGNMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL MSG'S TO

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, KARACHI.
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